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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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DATE: April 23, 2011

TO: Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Grant Recipient's Fiscal Agent
Administrator

FROM: Thomas Cooley, Administrative Consultant, Bureau of Community Colleges and Career
and Technical Education Services

SUBJECT: **Materials for Filing the FY12 Carl D. Perkins Continuation Application**

Attached are several documents that will be needed for preparing the FY12 Perkins Basic Continuation Grant application. The attachments include the district's and/or consortium's program performance data, and a list of the district's current career and technical education (CTE) programs as reported to the Iowa Department of Education through Project EASIER Plus CTE.

This year's Perkins Continuation Application will be submitted to the DE through an online grant application system, IowaGrants.gov. The application aligns with the Carl D. Perkins Technical Education Act of 2006, and is a part of the state of Iowa's Perkins IV Five-Year State Plan (2009-2013), which was approved by the State Board of Education on April 3, 2008. A document explaining how to register as an IowaGrants.gov user is attached.

Eligible recipients may submit a continuation grant application as an individual applicant or as a member of a consortium. To apply as an individual applicant, secondary school districts must have a minimum allocation of \$15,000. A consortium must consist of two or more secondary school districts with a combined allocation of \$15,000 or more. As in previous years, each local education agency will be allocated funds based on a formula prescribed by the Act and Iowa's State Plan. **As of the date of this letter, the State of Iowa has not received notification of its Perkins allocations for FY12. The DE has been advised by Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) to use the previous year's allocation for planning purposes.** Therefore, for planning purposes, a document containing secondary allocations calculated by applying the FY11 federal allocation to the FY12 allocation formula is attached to the Perkins Continuation application. Final allocations will be released as soon as the DE receives information from OVAE.

The FY12 application requires use of the previous academic year's CTE program performance data to establish targeted levels of performance for the grant's award period. A document included with this letter contains the aggregated performance level for each of the performance indicators based on performance of students enrolled in the recipient's CTE programs during the 2009-10 academic year. Perkins IV requires participating districts to report data for **ALL** CTE students, including members of special populations.

All FY12 Perkins Continuation Applications must be submitted via IowaGrants.gov on or before 11:59 PM June 15, 2011. This program is one included under the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) that was signed on September 26, 2006 and in effect October 1, 2010. This Act requires prime grant recipients like the Iowa Department of Education to report information on federal awards to www.USASpending.gov. Because of increased transparency and accountability, expectations related to timelines for submission of applications and deadlines for fiscal and program reporting are higher. As a result, the Department will be more persistent and insistent on expectations related to submissions, spending, and reporting. Applications will be reviewed as received.

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For additional information concerning the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, as well as additional career and technical education resources, visit the Department's website at www.iowa.gov/educate. If you have any questions regarding the FY12 application, please contact the Perkins consultant assigned to your region, or contact me at 515-281-4700 or tom.cooley@iowa.gov.

Attachments

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